

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2859

March 29, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a person who has been elected to public office as a partisan candidate, to resign if such person changes political party affiliation during such person's term of office.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increases State Expenditures – Up to \$300,000

Assumptions:

- Costs would be incurred if a vacancy occurs in the General Assembly with more than 12 months remaining prior to the next regular election for members of the General Assembly and a special election must be called to fill such vacancy.
- The cost of such special election would depend on the size of the district in which the vacancy occurs.
- The most recent special election was held in Shelby County at a cost of approximately \$300,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director